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1. THE POLICY OUTLINED IN STATE 49635 WAS ARRIVED AT IN THE CONTEXT OF EVENTS AT THAT TIME. DEPT CONCERNED SIX MONTHS AGO WITH GETTING SOMALI ARMED FORCES OUT OF THE OGADEN, THEREBY ELIMINATING THE RATIONALE FOR MAJOR INVOLVEMENT BY THE USSR AND CUBAN ADVISORS/TROOPS WITH ETHIOPIAN MILITARY FORCES IN AN INVASION OF SOMALIA, WHICH APPEARED TO BE A REAL POSSIBILITY AT THAT TIME. WE WERE PREPARED, AS THIS INSTRUCTION NOTES, QTE TO OFF-SET SOVIET THREATS OR ACTIONS UNQTE.

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2. THE PRESENT SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA IS QUITE DIFFERENT. OUR ACTIONS TODAY WOULD BE BASED ON OUR PERCEPTIONS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION. WE WOULD STILL BE DEEPLY CONCERNED BY ANY ETHIOPIAN INVASION OF SOMALI TERRITORY, HOWEVER, AND BELIEVE YOUR REITERATION OF OUR CONCERN IN THIS REGARD TO MAJOR DAWIT (ADDIS ABABA 3213) WAS RIGHT ON THE MARK. VANCE

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